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Rubber Technology, Third Edition, a publication sponsored by the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society and published by Van Nostrand Reinhold Company of Ne York, pp 109 and 110. Copies of the documents referenced above are included.

This Application being transmitted claims benefit of a prior U.S. application per 35 USC 120. This application is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/379,813 filed August 23, 1999, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/828,206 filed March 21, 1997, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Application, Serial No. 08/547,824, filed October 25, 1995, now abandoned.

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- U.S. Patent 5,543,461 to Nke-Aka et al issued August 6, 1996;
- U.S. Patent 5,861,455 to Reddy et al issued January 19, 1999.

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- U.S. Patent 2,694,692 to Amos et al issued November 16, 1954;
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